Regularisation of services of casual workers

453. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have decided to induct in regular railway services, those casual workers who rendered long service during 1980s and 1990s on different Railway Divisions;

(b) if so, the number of such casual workers on different Railway Divisions who have been inducted as regular workers; and those who are yet to be inducted, despite qualifying service as casual workers; and;

(c) whether absence of departmental records of causal service during the last two decades, is coming in the way of their regularisation; and whether proof of such casual service furnished by the workers is considered sufficient for such regularisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Drivers and Guards in Railways

454. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents occurred in each zone during the last three years and the damages thereof to Railway property, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are shortage of drivers and guards in every zone;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these vacancies are one of the prime reasons for the accidents; and

(d) the percentage of vacancies in the category of drivers and guards compared to the total vacancies zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The Zone-wise breakup of consequential train accidents during the last three years and the damage to Railway property in these accidents, is placed below:—

Railway	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Central	68	58	50
Eastern	31	35	47
Northern	80	66	79
North Eastern	25	37	37
Northeast Froniter	76	95	58
Southern	48	43	35
South Central	49	48	36
Sourth Eastern	52	53	50
Western	30	29	21
Metro	-	-	-
Konkan	4	9	1
TOTAL :	463	473	414
DAMAGE	Rs. 81.93 crores	Rs. 54.99 crores	Rs. 54.51 crores

(c) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) In order to ensure that vacancies do not remain unfilled especially in Safety categories, the extant procedures provides for laying down an annual calendar/schedule in advance for conducting selections/ suitability/trade tests to fill up vacancies on a regular basis. The position is reviewed and monitored at various levels. However, since occurrence and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process a certain number of vacancies may exist in this continuous process. Efforts are made to fill up the vacancies promptly.